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Masks optional for students at Aug. 30 return

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Masks for students will be optional when they return to school Aug. 30 in the Van Buren Public Schools.

At Monday's school board meeting, School Supt. Pete Kudlak said he had announced to parents last Friday that masks will be optional for students regardless of their vaccination status, but faculty will wear masks if they are not vaccinated or if they wish to wear masks.

He said bus drivers and everyone on the school buses have to wear masks under federal law.

Supt. Kudlak said if the coronavirus breaks out in a school, masks could be mandated for a short time.

He said federal and state health experts have not mandated masks for schools.

"Families have to make the decisions on what's best for their kids," said board president Amy Pearce.

The district is offering in-person learning, but students could take up virtual learning through a company not using district teachers. Supt. Kudlak said district teachers are mentoring these students to make sure they are doing well.

President Pearce said the Belleville High School Marching Band is having band camp here at home. She said it is nice at the end of the day that the students can come home and shower. She said half of the band -- the freshmen and sophomores -- have never marched before because of COVID.

Pearce said she was at the school earlier that day because of the band camp and it was good to see students at the pool and soccer field. She said they are starting to get the energy back at the school and that's great to see.

In other business at the in-person Aug. 9



Photo by Darlene Gerick

On Monday, a large number of students gathered at Belleville High School for a candlelight vigil in memory of their classmate Dacara Leatherberry, 14, who was murdered July 25 in her Van Buren Township home. Dacara's mother Yachanda Snipes also was murdered. This was the first time many of the students had seen each other since school let out in June and there were many hugs and lots of tears as they shared the memories of Dacara's life. There is a suspect who has yet to be arraigned.

VBT selects Frank Rewold & Sons as construction manager

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Frank Rewold & Sons of Rochester was selected out of eight bids to be the construction manager for the new Van Buren Township community center.

The VBT Board of Trustees members present voted unanimously at their Aug. 3 zoom meeting to approve Rewold, following the recommendation by a team from the Community Services/Public Services Department.

Absent and excused from the Aug. 3 meeting were Supervisor Kevin McNamara and Treasurer Sharry Budd. Clerk Leon

Wright presided at the meeting.

The contract will include a not-to-exceed cost of \$19,740 for preconstruction services that will take place in 2021. After the preconstruction phase, the firm's fee for scope of services is 2.25% of the cost of work.

The final costs will be confirmed in a future guaranteed maximum price amendment when bids are awarded for project construction, said Elizabeth Renaud, director of community services.

Now, the project design can begin. The community center is expected to be completed in the spring of 2023.

Board members agreed that they were very impressed with Rewold's credentials. Trustee Don Boynton said he drove out and looked at buildings they did and was very impressed.

In other business at the 46-minute

meeting the board:

- Heard Trustee Kevin Martin read a letter from Supervisor McNamara on behalf of CEO Chad Newton of Wayne County Airport who wanted to thank Public Safety Director Greg Laurain and Police Chief Jason Wright for their department's work in catching the person who stole the vehicle from Willow Run Airport and struck an airport officer. This was with the assistance of Dearborn. McNamara said he is proud of officers Seth Evans and Donovan McCarthy for their work;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Mike Dotson and John Delaney to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with terms to expire Aug. 12, 2025;

- Approved the VBT Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy. It is required

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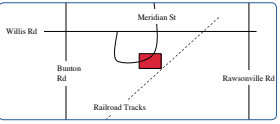
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Gov. appoints Peters to committee on early childhood education

Sharon Claytor Peters of Van Buren Township has been appointed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to the Early Childhood Investment Corporation executive committee.

"I am really thrilled to be back engaged in early childhood development work through the ECIC," Peters said. "During



Peters

my professional career, and not long before our move to the Belleville area, I was instrumental in the creation of the ECIC, to more comprehensively and collectively advance early childhood resources, and maximize the most fertile stage of human development."

Peters is chairperson of the elected board of directors of the Belleville Area District Library. She is the founder and principal of Claytor Peters Consulting, where she consults on children's policy issues, and the

former president and CEO of Michigan's Children.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Anthropology from Michigan State University. Peters is appointed for a term commencing July 30, 2021 and expiring July 22, 2024. She succeeds Leslie Murphy who has resigned.

The Early Childhood Investment Corporation was created to be the state's focal point for information and investment in early childhood education in Michigan so

that children can arrive at the kindergarten door, safe, healthy, and eager for learning and life.

The Investment Corporation was founded in 2005 and charged with implementing a Great Start system for Michigan both at the state level as well as one community at a time.

This appointment is not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

President Biden proclaims National Atomic Veterans Day

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On July 15, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. proclaimed National Atomic Veterans Day as July 16, 2021.

On June 8, 2017, the Michigan Senate passed a resolution recognizing July 16, 2017 as National Atomic Veterans Day.

Toni Clark of Sumpter Township is the daughter of an Atomic Veteran and had worked hard to get that recognition in Michigan. The Senate sent her a framed copy of the resolution, which she had written.

"I'm proud that our state was one of the first to act," she said, noting other states have since set special days.

Clark said she was surprised to learn that the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution on June 4, supporting setting the National Atomic Veterans Day. Or that, President Biden issued a proclamation on Atomic Veterans July 15. She said there had been no media coverage on the President's action and she didn't know about it until she was alerted by a friend.

While Clark is grateful the President is acknowledging Atomic Veterans, she would like to have the day recognized every year. She would like the state to do it, if not the nation.

Clark's father was an Atomic Veteran and was present for 11 nuclear tests. She wonders if the family suffered from this radiation her father carried. Her mother had brain cancer and she wonders if it was from handling his clothes. Her two sisters suffer from cancers and her brothers have weak immune systems. Clark is healthy.

"President Biden brought it out nationally, but just for one day," Clark said, noting these soldiers should be remembered forever forward.

President Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s July 15 proclamation reads, in part:

On July 16, 1945, the United States detonated the world's first nuclear device in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Better known by its code name, "Trinity," the successful test of the first atomic bomb brought forth a new age of science that changed the lives of many of those who served in our Armed Forces, and forever altered the nature and

the risks of war. Just weeks later, the world witnessed the horrors of nuclear destruction at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which marked the end of World War II but opened our eyes to the truth that a nuclear war must never be fought.

Many brave men and women have risked their lives in service to our Nation, but few know the story of our "Atomic Veterans" — American military service members who participated in nuclear tests between 1945 and 1962, served with United States military forces in or around Hiroshima and Nagasaki through mid-1946, or were held as prisoners of war in or near Hiroshima or Nagasaki. These veterans served at testing sites like the Bikini Atoll and witnessed the destructive power of nuclear weapons firsthand. On National Atomic Veterans Day, we recognize and honor the contributions of America's Atomic Veterans for their sacrifice and dedication to our Nation's security and recommit to supporting our Atomic Veterans and educating ourselves on the role these patriots played in our national story.

Atomic Veterans served our Nation with distinction, but their service came at a great cost. Many developed health conditions

due to radiation exposure, yet because they were not able to discuss the nature of their service, they were unable to seek medical care or disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their illnesses. Decades later in 1996, the United States Congress repealed the Nuclear Radiation and Secrecy Agreements Act, allowing Atomic Veterans to tell their stories and file for benefits. By then, thousands of Atomic Veterans had died without their families knowing the true extent of their service.

Our Nation has one truly sacred obligation: to properly prepare and equip our troops when we send them into harm's way, and to care for them and their families when they return from service. As Commander in Chief, I am committed to fulfilling our obligation to the Atomic Veterans and their families and ensuring that all of our Nation's veterans have timely access to needed services, medical care, and benefits.

On this National Atomic Veterans Day, our country remembers the service and sacrifices of Atomic Veterans. Their heroism and patriotism will never be forgotten and we always honor their bravery and devotion to duty..."

Belleville DDA votes to partner with city to trim Horizon Park lake bank

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson told members of the Downtown Development Authority that since the *Independent* put the proposal to use goats to trim the banks along Belleville Lake on its front page, he got a quote for \$5,000.

He said policy is to get sealed bids for something of that cost, so he went to Pioneer Landscaping and got a bid, which is less than the goats, and he's waiting for a third bid so he can present them to the council.

At the July 21 zoom meeting of the DDA, Chief Robinson said that he has been looking into past operations and he found one year the DDA paid for trimming the bank and one year the city paid, alternating

"I'd like your opinion about going 50-50 with the city," Chief Robinson said, noting the bank is overgrown all the way to Johnny's restaurant.

He said he got one quote for \$20,000 to cut the bank, but it would be \$50,000 if they removed everything. That quote wasn't being considered.

"It's obviously something that needs to be done," he said, adding then there would need to be a monthly thing where you cut what's sprouted up or do a mass planting of daylilies that are impossible to kill but would be nice looking from the lake.

"If we really want our parks to be pristine, and I think we really do, we have to find out the true cost of taking care of the parks," he said.

Chief Robinson said he wants to bid everything they need to do and have a

partnership.

DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern said she thought the idea of goats running around town was interesting.

"They start at the top and eat all the way down," DDA vice chair Jason Mida said of the goats.

Mayor Kerreen Conley jokingly asked if the goats would help control the geese.

The DDA unanimously passed a motion to partner with the city to handle the costs of Horizon Park trimming.

Treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams said at some point she would like to address the weeds around the park at Victoria Commons. Mida said the banks to the pond are very steep in some places and very swampy in other places. He suggested they have a public meeting on park grass mowing.

"The goat thing may work," Richardson-Williams said, adding maybe it's an environmental thing to keep the weeds up.

In other business at the one-hour July 21 zoom meeting, the DDA:

- Discussed the present grass-cutting contract with Gonczy, with Mida saying he's not trying to make excuses, but they can't hold Gonczy responsible for what's not in the contract and it's been very rainy. Mida said he hasn't been able to contact Gonczy. They decided to put a subcommittee together to do a walk-around to see what needs to be done in the parks and proposed keeping the contract with Gonczy for the rest of the season. McGovern asked for a copy of the contract to be a part of the next packet. Besides Mida, they would invite City Councilmembers Ken Voigt and

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OPINIONS

Editorial

How about senior citizens getting to use the BHS pool?

Van Buren Township resident Reg Ion addressed the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education on Monday asking board members about letting the community use the facilities they paid for at the new Belleville High School.

Some VBT residents had hoped the township's new community center would have a pool for them to use, but that's not going to happen. Pools are too expensive to maintain, they are told.

Well, the taxpayers are paying off the bonds for BHS, which includes a wonderful pool.

Ion was a custodian for the school district for 24 years before his retirement. He remembers when senior citizens could come in during special hours during the day to use the pool.

He said if paying the lifeguard is the problem, he's sure the seniors would pay a couple of dollars apiece to finance the lifeguard. Residents of Belleville, VBT, and Sumpter are a part of the school district and should be able to use the pool.

Ion also asked for members of the community to be allowed to use the track for exercise the way they used to.

Ion warned people aren't going to vote for school projects in the future if they are kept from using the facilities they paid for. Now that senior citizens know they are not getting a pool in VBT, maybe it's time for them to push for use of their BHS pool.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Wayne County informed Van Buren Township at 3:55 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, that it would be redoing the surface of Belleville Road between the freeway and the city of Belleville starting Thursday morning, Aug. 5. Traffic should be snarled up for about three weeks.

The VBT DDA had fixed the sidewalks and asked the county about fixing Belleville Road. It was considered a "shovel-ready" project and scheduled at once.

They started putting out cones on the shoulder of Belleville Road early Tuesday afternoon before they even let Van Buren Township know that they were coming.

They'll be cutting out portions of the road for replacement and so it should be quite difficult to drive through that area for a while, but then it will really be nice.

Sumpter Township alerted us on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 4, that its township hall would be closed until Friday, Aug. 6. Although the township called the reason an "unforeseeable circumstance," I've been told someone tested positive for COVID. I think this is the third sudden closing of the township hall for a positive virus case.

After an emergency board meeting on Friday morning, it was announced the township hall would be closed until Monday.

We received an unsigned letter to the editor on Monday, that commented on the raises the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted themselves without any discussion. Some people who were at the meeting in person said they didn't know it happened.

The letter writer suggested Sumpter taxpayers have a lot of changes to make



next election. The writer said there was an average raise of \$10,000 for the elected officials and the writer wished the writer could vote such a raise for herself/himself. The writer made other comments and then suggested taxpayers call these officials and let their voices be heard.

That's always a good idea. Elected officials should be advised of what their constituents are thinking about their decisions. A pat on the back is good, too, when they approve of the actions.

You'll notice the Belleville Planning Commission is having its first meeting since December and it's on Zoom. The Zoom address is near the top of the published agenda, so you can watch the meeting, if you're interested. The main thing on the agenda, besides the annual election of officers, is review of and possible action on the site plan for 510 Savage Rd., the new marijuana facility.

After Monday's 40-minute school board meeting at the high school, the few who attended walked out to find a gathering crowd of students who were preparing for a candlelight vigil for their 14-year-old classmate, Dacara Leatherberry. The teen and her mother had been stabbed to death in their Van Buren Township home on July 25.

The crowd grew and grew. Students, many of whom hadn't seen each other since the last day of school, ran into each others'

arms and sobbed on each others' shoulders. More and more people arrived. The candle lighting was set for 8 p.m., but it was too light then.

It was after 9 p.m. before they could light the candles and begin their vigil.

A mother told me that she had driven her daughter to a cheer competition in Knoxville and the teen wanted to be back for this vigil, so mom drove right back to Belleville as soon as the competition was over. She said there was a bridge under construction along the route, which delayed progress, but they made it. She said this time the BHS team came in third instead of first, the way they usually do.

The vigil was announced on social media and the students passed the information along until everybody knew. And they came. Quite a sight to see.

The murder suspect currently is in custody for a parole violation.

Although there have been comments on our website about Jehovah Witnesses still knocking on doors despite COVID, a leader of the faith tells us for a year and a half there has been no knocking on doors. Period. Whoever is knocking is not Jehovah Witnesses, he said.



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Letters

CBC sets Taste of Belleville for Aug. 19

To the editor:

The Belleville Central Business Community is looking forward to an enjoyable Taste of Belleville on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Horizon Park on High Street following the Annual Bridge Walk that begins at 5:30 p.m. from Doane's Landing at Liberty and Main Street. In addition to the City of Belleville and the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, sponsors of the Taste are Genisys Credit Union, Tucker Insurance Agency, and Wayne County Community College District.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will be hosting its final Music Lakeside from 7 to 9 p.m. on High Street. Music begins at 6 p.m. with Unlimited DJ in the park and then with Holly and the Johnnies at 7 p.m. on the stage on High Street. Bring a lawn chair for your comfort when you are not dancing in the street!

Participating in the Taste this year are: Amazing Dawgs, Angel Food Catering, Applebees, Bayou Grill, Belleville Community Chorus, Backyard BBQ, Benito's Pizza, Egan's Pub, Get the Scoop, Hungry Howe's Pizza, Jet's Pizza, Kiwanis Club of Belleville, and Kona Ice. Van Buren Public Schools will be there with an information table seeking employees, Belleville Kiwanis will be selling pop and water and collecting donations of cereal for the Friday Fill-Up, Face painting with Bob and our very own Belleville Mermaid will round out the evening. The face painting is no charge but the Mermaid hopes you will make a donation for Benches for Belleville – feel free to use your camera for a picture with her.

The menu will be published in this paper next Thursday. We are looking forward to a beautiful evening by the lake.

Janet Millard, Event Coordinator
Belleville Central Business Community

This air show was hands down the BEST!

To the editor:

This airshow was hands down the BEST! With both the Thunderbirds and the Blue Angels showcasing our military's BEST

watching it free from Belleville Lake was a delight. Paying for drive up tickets was a bargain for a family or group, also.

Sad that the local media didn't cover this coming attraction better nor cover it as it happened. With no mention anywhere except our member news from the Henry Ford was there coverage of the "meet the 40 pilots and staff at the Museum Friday eve" and it was FREE!

The pilots were super-friendly and dressed in their military suits -- signed autographs and took pictures. Missed opportunity as there were hundreds that showed up to a well-organized event!

The benefits gained from ticket sales going to the Yankee Museum there are also benefits for garnering patriotism for the BEST of our military and for getting the vote out for strengthening the future of our country! Go, USA!

Glad to live on Belleville Lake.
Angie Garcia-Johnson

P.S. And for an FYI, my dad took my brothers and I to see the Blue Angels at the military base back in the mid '50s in Dallas, TX, and seeing them many times after -- It never gets old!

Remember those who gave their lives

To the editor:

Did you realize since the pandemic has held us hostage, we as a society have realized that life is important and being KIND makes your day brighter. I was picking up the latest Belleville Independent when a young lady spoke with me and we talked a little while about being kind to each other. It doesn't hurt to hold a door open when someone is carrying packages into the post office; it only takes a second or two. And a woman is okay holding the door open for a gentleman with these packages. The smiles and thank you make my day and it will make your day as well.

Here is a little history that is not very well known in school or anywhere else. Have you heard of the Tuskegee Airmen who fought in World II with airplanes that were basically held together with glue and duct tape? How did they fly? They flew because of their talent of how to fly despite our government deciding that Black pilots were not good enough to have planes given to them because of their color. Sad, isn't it?

Despite no planes were lost, they were called Heroes. President Harry Truman was smart enough to realize good talent was being wasted, so he integrated the Black soldiers and heralded the Tuskegee Airmen who flew duct-taped airplanes and were successful that none were lost.

The Germans welcomed many of the Black soldiers, whereas some white troops decided that the Black troops were of no use.

Have you heard of The Red Ball Express? Probably not. They fought behind enemy troops and managed to keep ammunition and other supplies flowing

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Man apprehended after breaking into home on Menlo Park in Belleville

On Monday, Aug. 9, at about 5:35 p.m., the Belleville Police Department was dispatched to a residence on Menlo Park on a report of a breaking and entering that had just occurred.

The resident reported arriving home to find an unknown man in his residence. After a verbal confrontation, the suspect exited the home and fled on foot. Officers from Belleville with assistance from Van Buren Township police responded and quickly set up a perimeter in the area.

The victim homeowner provided a good description, said Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson. A request for assistance for a K-9 was made and a K-9 officer from the Canton Township police department responded.

The K-9 successfully tracked from the residence to an area in the woods near the residence where the suspect was located and taken into custody without incident. The suspect did have property belonging to the victim from the residence on his person, Chief Robinson said.

He said the suspect is being held in-custody pending charges and arraignment.

Chief Robinson said he would like to thank the officers from the Van Buren Township police department and the Canton Township police department K-9 for their quick response and assistance in taking this individual into custody.

Birthdays

Aug. 11 – Marek Thompson
Aug. 14 – Lianne Clair, Nick Dearing
Aug. 15 – Cathe Frisch
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Obituaries



John J. Chudzinski

JOHN CHUDZINSKI

(June 23, 1944 – August 2, 2021)

John Chudzinski, age 77, passed away Monday, August 2, 2021 at his home with family present. He was born June 23, 1944 in Belleville to Joseph and Casmira Chudzinski.

He was a graduate of Belleville High School. He was in construction his whole life.

He married Sally L. Chudzinski. Proud father of John Chudzinski (Dawn). Three granddaughters Brooke, Caitlyn, Alexa, and many other family members.

Preceded in death by his wife Sally; parents Joseph and Casmira Chudzinski; brothers Joseph and Paul; sister Mary Ann Chudzinski; and sister-in-law Jeanne Chudzinski.

Survived by his beloved brothers Richard (Marge) Chudzinski and Raymond Chudzinski. He will be laid to rest with his wife Sally at Hillside Cemetery. Services will be held at a later date.



Darrell Mink

DARRELL MINK

(October 5, 1956 – August 5, 2021)

Darrell Mink, age 64, long-time Belleville, MI resident, passed away suddenly in an automobile accident, early Thursday, August 5, 2021. He was born October 5, 1956, in Cincinnati, Ohio, son of George Laverne & Jewelldene (Rice) Mink.

He graduated from Wayne Memorial High School, class of 1974. He retired from General Motors Willow Run plant after more than 30 years of loyal service. He then enjoyed working as a subcontractor. Darrell was a member of the Belleville and Ypsilanti Moose lodges. He enjoyed singing karaoke and loved riding horses. Most of all, he cherished time spent with his family.

Mr. Mink is survived by his devoted wife of 43 years, Rose Yvonne (VanHook) Mink; two daughters Kristen Stackpoole of New Haven, MI and Shelby Mink of Woodhaven, MI; four grandchildren Tyler Mink, Daniel and Brianna Stackpoole, and Wyatt Streling; his mother Jewelldene Ballard of Willis, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his father George Mink, brother John Mink, also a sister Diana Arter.

Visitation was Sunday, August 8, and Monday, August 9, 2021, with a 1 p.m. Monday Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Shane Prewitt officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Court Watching:

Jury found Jonathon Wilson not guilty of six criminal sexual charges

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Jonathon Glenn Wilson, now aged 36, called the *Independent* last week to report that in 2018 a Wayne County Circuit Court jury found him not guilty of three first-degree criminal sexual conduct cases and three second-degree criminal sexual conduct charges with a person under 13.

He complained that that the *Independent* did not report the jury verdict in 2018.

Wilson was charged for the 2016 incidents in the City of Belleville. A preliminary exam was held Nov. 29, 2017 before 34th District Court Judge David Parrott and one witness testified.

Present at the preliminary exam were Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Bruce Elsey, retained defense attorney Ezra Goldman, Belleville Police Cpl. Todd Schrencengost, and defendant Wilson. For the exam, Judge Parrott cleared the courtroom of everyone except for the press and the four people, at the time reported to be supporting the witness.

Wilson called last week to say three of those people were supporting him and one was supporting the witness.

After the testimony, Judge Parrott declared there was probable cause to believe the crimes were committed and Wilson may have committed them. Wilson had been held in the Wayne County Jail without bond since his arrest in October and Judge Parrott continued to deny bond and set Wilson's arraignment on the information at circuit court for Dec. 6, 2017. Wilson was referred to pre-trial services for a bond review.

Bond was set March 20, 2018 at \$20,000/10% with a tether and no contact. He was found not guilty on June 21, 2018. He had been facing possible life in prison if found guilty.

He said when someone Googles his name they see only the charges. He wants them to see the not-guilty decisions of the jury. Now they will.

COVID-19 deaths in 48111 remain at 76, positive tests at 3,603

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remained at 76 as of Monday, Aug. 9, according to the Wayne County Health Department. It has been at 76 since July 25.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,603 on Monday, Aug. 9, up from 3,549 the previous Monday, Aug. 2.

On Monday, Aug. 9, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,422 positive cases, 42 deaths; city of Belleville, 501 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 680 positive cases, 13 deaths.

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to be adopted to be eligible for American Rescue Plan Act funding. It does not conflict with the township's existing Conflict of Interest Policy;

- Approved the application for a railroad permit (called the Preliminary Engineering Force Account Estimate) for the Iron Belle Trail project on Norfolk Southern's Great Lakes Division rail line on E. Huron River Drive. This permit, along with the engineering of the crossing, will cost about \$25,419. Director of Public Services Matt Best said the township is proposing to construct a five-foot sidewalk addition as a part of the Iron Belle Trail on the E. Huron River Drive at-grade crossing of the rail line. He said railroads like to do everything themselves and they want to design their crossings. For this pedestrian crossing for Iron Belle Trail, they will design the crossing that they will allow and give the permit. They inspect and approve. It could take from six weeks to a year for the railroad to do the work. Clerk Wright said this is a "turtle-moving project" and, "I hope it's complete while I can still ride my bike";

- Approved the purchase of a 2021 Smeal/Spartan fire engine in the State Consortium Pricing of \$498,648 from R&R Fire, Inc. of Northville. It will be paid for with \$260,00 in the equipment replacement line item, plus \$238,648 from the general fund fund-balance. Fire Chief Dave McNally said Engine #1 is a 2004 Pierce and it is out of service. The cost to repair it exceeds the value of the vehicle, he said, adding that this purchase is part of a 25-year replacement plan. Chief McNally said this demo truck

was available and it has never seen the road, "brand-new off the showroom floor." He said the truck was in their building and now it will go back to R&R for stripes and lettering and should be ready within 45 days. McNally said ISO is coming out for a review and this new truck should help the township's insurance rating;

- Heard the new Wayne County Sheriff Raphael Washington introduce himself to the board. Chief Washington said Supervisor McNamara set up the introduction. He said he is trying to get to all 43 cities and townships in Wayne County and he's halfway done. He said he is in his 38th year of law enforcement and he is honored to be named the replacement for his friend the late Benny Napoleon. Next year he has to run for election to complete the rest of Napoleon's term. "I call myself a servant-leader," he said. "I've been a servant all my life. You won't have to look for a sheriff. You've got one." He said he will come back when the township starts having community meetings again. He invited people to call him if they have concerns. Office number is (313) 224-7491; cell number is (313) 213-5170; and email is rwashing@waynecounty.com; and

- Heard resident Steven Darke's remarks that he enjoyed attending the Sumpter Road Corridor meeting and Directors Best and Power have done good work. He wants to ensure they stay with the township as long as possible.

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The annual Belleville Bridge Walk and Taste of Belleville is coming up on Aug. 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the bridge walk, followed by the Taste of Belleville from 6 to 8 p.m. along High Street and Horizon Park. The Belleville Rotary will conduct their Rubber Ducky Race on the lake and Music Lakeside will feature Holly & the Johnnies at 7 p.m. It's their final lakeside concert on the summer schedule. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and door prize giveaways. Taste tickets will be \$1 each. Come back next week to see the full restaurant menu and organization/group offerings.

Music Lakeside tonight will feature Denise Davis & Motor City Sensations, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Horizon Park. Visit www.musiclakeside.com. In case of rain, the free concert will be moved across the street to Belleville First United Methodist Church.

The lifetime collection of the living estate of Kenny and Lenora Dalton of Carleton is subject to a live auction by Braun & Helmer this Saturday, Aug. 14, beginning at 10 a.m. at 9500 Grafton Rd. Featured items include a 1930 Model A, 1942 military Jeep, 1975 Ford Tractor, gun and tool collection, and more. Visit www.braunandhelmer.com for

lots of photos and be sure to see their ad in today's paper.

A golf outing fundraiser for Sam Suleiman, a COVID survivor and double-lung transplant survivor, will be held at 8 a.m. Aug. 29 at Woodside Meadows Golf Club in Romulus. The event will be a four-man scramble, shotgun start with after dinner and awards at JT's Pub & Grub in Van Buren Township. Cost is \$100 per person with the proceeds going to Sam's medical bills. For sponsorship opportunities, call (734) 992-3556.

A Michigan Elvis Festival fundraiser is coming up from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road. General Admission tickets in advance are \$15 each, \$20 at the door. The event will feature Elvis tribute artists, 50/50 raffles, door prizes, and food and drink. For info visit www.mielvisfest.org or email michiganelvisfest@gmail.com.

Tickets are now available for the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue's Spay-ghetti and No-Balls Dinner fundraiser from 5 to 11 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road. The cost is \$12 for adults and children 13 and up, \$6 for kids 3-12 years, and free for children 2 and under. The proceeds will go to the shelter's spay and neuter programs. Call (734) 461-9458 and visit them on Facebook.

Gov. Whitmer appoints Huron Township police chief to task force

Among the two-dozen people appointed to the Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform by Governor Gretchen Whitmer was Everette L. Robbins, II, chief of police and director of public safety for Huron Township.

Chief Robbins holds a Bachelor of Applied Sciences in Public Safety Studies from Siena Heights University and earned his MCOLES certification from Washtenaw County Community College.

He represents a police chief nominated by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

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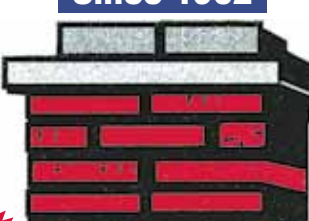



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Gov. Whitmer appoints Doeh to Mental Health Diversion Council

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced the appointment of Eric Doeh of Belleville to the Mental Health Diversion Council.

Doeh is the interim president and CEO of Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Doeh is appointed to represent a Medicaid pre-paid inpatient health plan for a term commencing July 22, 2021 and expiring Jan. 30, 2024. He succeeds Willie Brooks who has resigned.

The Mental Health Diversion Council is an advisory body to the Governor within the Department of Health and Human Services charged to advise and assist in the implementation of a diversion action plan and provide recommendations for statutory, contractual or procedural changes to improve diversion.

This appointment is not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

the engineer also take a look at potential repairs to a section of Belleville Road. Since Belleville Road is a Wayne County road, the DDA submitted the road repair to Wayne County as a "shovel ready" project.

On Tuesday, Aug. 3, Wayne County Roads confirmed that they had reviewed the submitted files and determined it to be a worthy project.

The repairs will be on both the northbound and southbound sides of Belleville Road from the South I-94 Service Road going south to the bridge entering the City of Belleville.

Wayne County Roads advised that they would begin cutting out sections of the roadway on Thursday, Aug. 5. The project has an estimated timeline of three weeks, depending on the weather.

Construction is never pleasant to deal with but this short-term inconvenience will lead to long-term relief. Please be mindful of potential delays and possibly seek alternate routes.

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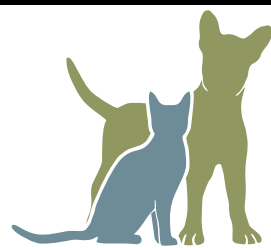
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Mudbud does like to chase after cats, so a home without kitties is recommended. We have not had him around a lot of other dogs but he seems excitable and interested when he sees them out on a walk. We always encourage slow and positive introductions when introducing two or more animals. He would probably do well with kids that are 6 and up. If you are interested in adopting **Mudbud**, you can go to our website friendsofmichigan.org/adoption-application to submit an application. **Mudbud** is neutered, microchipped, up to date on vaccinations, is on monthly preventatives, and is heartworm negative.



The Belleville High School Class of 1970 finally celebrated its 50th reunion starting off the weekend with a tour of the high school on Friday. Then there was a trip to the A&W and then to Egan's for reminiscing. A dinner was held at the Eagles on Saturday where more attended. Sunday a small group gathered at Victory Park and said their good-byes.

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Van Buren Township giving away free, refillable water bottles

Van Buren Township's Water & Sewer Department "Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink" program is celebrating healthy

Belleville has opening on DDA, upcoming opening on Civil Service Comm.

Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson announces that the city has an opening on the Downtown Development Authority Board and expects an opening on the Civil Service Commission in September.

Any resident interested should contact Chief Robinson for consideration.

Taylor VFW Auxiliary seeks craft vendors for Oct. 16 craft show

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 4422 in Taylor is planning a craft show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, and is seeking craft vendors.

The show will be held at VFW Post 4422 on Pine Street in Taylor, two blocks south of Goddard.

Tables are available for \$15 each or two for \$25. For more information contact Sandy Medos of Willis at (734) 461-9502.

VBPS Education Foundation sets fundraising Casino Night

The Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation has set a Sunset Celebration fund raiser in the form of Casino Night on Saturday, Sept. 18, at The Garage, 44850 N. I-94 Service Dr. in Van Buren Township.

The party will include dinner, drinks, dancing and gaming tables for fun. The casino tables are for entertainment only and are free and open to the public. See their Facebook page for tickets which went on sale Aug. 1.

and delicious tap water by giving away 32-ounce Nalgene refillable water bottles to residents.

"Municipal tap water is constantly tested to maintain safety and quality standards," said Water & Sewer Director James T. Taylor. "With all these standards in place, many residents have stated Van Buren Townships tap water tastes great and smells odorless."

Van Buren Township's tap water is routinely tested and an annual water-quality report is sent to residents during the summer months in the *Van Buren Today* magazine. If standards don't catch your attention, let's take a look at the environmental impact bottled water has on our planet, he said.

More than 60 million plastic bottles end up in landfills and incinerators every day, with a total of about 22 billion a year. In an effort to reduce water bottle waste the township is asking residents to "Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink" and help protect the earth. Despite the predominant belief that most of the plastic packaging can be recycled, the fact of the matter is that 80% of the packaging cannot be recycled.

To jump start the "Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink" program the Water & Sewer Department has installed two water bottle filling stations in township hall. One is located in the west wing between

the Supervisor's and Treasurer's office and the other is outside the Recreation Multipurpose room in the Parks and Rec Department. These stations have a Green Ticker which tracks the number of plastic bottles saved from waste stations.

"We invite you all to stop by township hall to fill up your water bottles in the new fountains," said Public Services Director Matt Best.

With the "Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink" program residents can receive a free, 32-ounce refillable water bottle by taking a one-minute survey about the township's water supply. Once completed they can pick up their free water bottle, first-come first-served, at township hall from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is a limited supply of refillable bottles. Take the survey at vanburen-mi.org/tapthetap.

Questions about the "Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink" program can be

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- **Thursday, Aug. 12** – Denise Davis and the Motor City Sensations is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
- **Friday, Aug. 13** – Outdoor Story Time at 11 a.m. under the pavilion at Horizon Park

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- **Friday, Aug. 13** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.
- **Friday, Aug. 13** – Free drive-in movie with free popcorn and lemonade at sunset at Church of God on Hull Road, just east of the Van Buren Township Fire Station. Today there is a double feature, "I Still Believe" followed by "Wheelchair" and sunset is at 8:39 p.m. In the event of rain, show will go on at 8 p.m. at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr.
- **Monday, Aug. 16** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
- **Thursday, Aug. 19** – Big night in downtown Belleville, beginning with the 5:30 p.m. Bridge Walk that begins at Doane's Landing. The Taste of Belleville follows from 6-8 p.m. on High Street and Horizon Park. At 7 p.m., the free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park features Holly and the Johnnies.
- **Friday, Aug. 20** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.
- **Friday, Aug. 20** – Free drive-in movie with free popcorn and lemonade at sunset at Church of God on Hull Road, just east of the Van Buren Township Fire Station. Today's movie is "Overcomer" and sunset is 8:28 p.m. In the event of rain, show will go on at 8 p.m. at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr.
- **Monday, Aug. 23** – Meet in person for a coffee hour with State Rep. Ranjeev Puri from noon to 1 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville.
- **Monday, Aug. 23** – Forgotten Harvest will be at the Sumpter Township Community Center parking lot from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. or until all the food they will be giving away free is gone. No registration necessary.
- **Monday, Aug. 23** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
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CITY OF BELLEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

**Thursday, August 12, 2021 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

Due to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, the City cannot ensure 6 feet separation between participants in the Chambers of City Hall. As a result, the regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held via ZOOM.

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3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS
 - A. Presentations
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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. March 12, 2020
 - B. December 28, 2020 (Joint meeting with City Council)
8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION
 - A. Election of Planning Commission Officers
 - B. Site Plan Review – 510 Savage – Marijuana Facility
10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS
11. PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS
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13. CITIZENS COMMENTS
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15. ADJOURNMENT

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Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Aug. 12 – Keystone Academy School Board in person, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

• Monday, Aug. 16 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 17 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Aug. 18 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 23 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 24 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting at 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, Aug. 25 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Sept. 7 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. and regular meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council at 7:30 p.m.

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to our troops. This information was told to me by my Uncle James Lloyd who is buried with honors in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington County, Virginia. Note: My uncle was the Chief Chef over the military kitchen and on the battlefield.

Thank you for your services, all who were and are in the military, as a Nation Under God we cannot ever forget your service to our great country! Remember to remember those who gave their lives in spite of those who disrespected some of our troops. Marian Caldwell, Belleville/Ypsilanti

Belleville High School wins award in Dash for Cash incentive program

Belleville High School was recently awarded \$1,000 for competing in the Michigan College Access Network's Dash for Cash incentive program.

BHS saw a 6% increase in Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion during the 30-day competition meant to increase participation in FAFSA.

"You can observe a lot just by watching."
— Yogi Berra

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 3, 2021 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Clerk Wright called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID: 987 5395 5029 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Supervisor McNamara and Treasurer Budd. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Community Services Director Renaud, Deputy Supervisor Selman, Fire Chief McNally, Public Services Department Director Best, Communication Specialists Albrecht and Nichols and maximum audience of seventeen (17).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Clerk Wright outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Boynton moved; Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent: McNamara and Budd. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2021; Prepaid List of July 22, 2021; Prepaid List of July 29, 2021; Voucher List of August 3, 2021, and the re-appointments of Mike Dotson and John Delaney to the Local Development Finance Authority with terms to expire August 12, 2025. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent: McNamara and Budd. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Read a letter from Supervisor McNamara on behalf of Chad Newton (CEO of Wayne County/Detroit Metro Airport) thanking Van Buren Police Department Officers Evans and McCarthy for their assistance in tracking down and apprehending a suspect that tried to elude Detroit Metro Airport Police on Friday July 23, 2021; announced the annual shred day for Van Buren Township residents will be Saturday August 7, 2021 from 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, more information about shred day is available on the website at www.vanburen-mi.org; and the Van Buren Township DDA repair project on Belleville Rd. sidewalks and Belleville Rd. (both the northbound and southbound roadway) south of the I-94 Service Drive, entering the City of Belleville, will start August 5th and is estimated to continue for three weeks. Alternate route is advised as traffic

backups are to be expected.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved; Frazier seconded to approve the selection of Frank Rewold & Sons for Construction Manager Services for the Community Center Project. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent/Excused: McNamara and Budd. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved; Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2021-18 The Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy.

Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent/Excused: McNamara and Budd. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved; Wright seconded to approve the Railroad Permit application (Preliminary Engineering Force Account Estimate) for the Iron Belle Trail project Norfolk Southern's Great Lakes Division rail line on East Huron River Drive. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent/Excused: McNamara and Budd. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Wright seconded to approve the purchase of a 2021 Smeal/Spartan Fire Engine in the amount of \$498,648 utilizing \$260,000 from account #101-336-971-000 (equipment replacement) and the balance of \$238,648, to complete the purchase, from account #101-000-390-000 (General Fund, Fund Balance). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent/Excused: McNamara and Budd. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Wayne County Sheriff Raphael Washington introduced himself to the Board and public noting his desire to take care of, serve, and earn the respect and support of the people of Wayne County. Sheriff Washington encourages anyone interested in reaching out to him to call or email him (Office: 313-224-7491; Cell 313-213-5170; Email: rwashing@waynecounty.com). Comment from audience participant in appreciation for the Sumpter Rd. Corridor Workshop and professionalism of Directors Power and Best.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved; Frazier seconded to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 10:00am, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

Vehicle # 1: 2010 Chevy Cobalt, 1G1AD5F50A7173172

Vehicle # 2: 2005 Ford Escape, 1FMYU93145KC51675

DATE: August 9, 2021

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

INTENT TO ISSUE A STATE HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY RENEWAL OPERATING LICENSE TO THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Materials Management Division (MMD), hereby gives notice of its intent to issue a Hazardous Waste Management Facility Renewal Operating License (License) pursuant to Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and the administrative rules; to the Regents of the University of Michigan (U of M). The U of M currently operates a hazardous waste storage facility for spent halogenated and nonhalogenated solvent wastes, ignitable wastes, corrosive wastes, reactive wastes, and organic and inorganic wastes that exhibit a characteristic of toxicity when tested, using the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure. The draft License would allow the U of M to continue to operate its facility located at 8501 Beck Road in Belleville, Michigan (facility).

EGLE invites public comment on the draft License. Copies of the draft License and associated fact sheet are available online by going to: [EGLE - Hazardous Waste and Liquid Industrial By-Products Management \(michigan.gov\)](http://EGLE-HazardousWasteandLiquidIndustrialBy-ProductsManagement(michigan.gov)) and selecting "University of Michigan Beck Road Storage Facility" under the Hazardous Waste Facility Operating Licenses heading. In addition, these documents are available for review at the Belleville Area District Library located at 167 Fourth Street, Belleville, Michigan.

On September 15, 2021, EGLE will host a public informational meeting regarding the facility, at 6:00 p.m., which will be followed at 7:00 p.m., by a formal public hearing on the draft License, as required under the state Hazardous Waste Management Program. Both events will be held in the Cozadd Room at the Belleville Area District Library. The purpose of the hearing is to allow interested persons to submit oral and written statements regarding the draft License. Speakers are asked to register at the hearing by 7:00 p.m., and limit their statements to allow time for all who wish to participate.

Comments regarding the draft License, and requests to be placed on the facility mailing list should be sent to Ms. Ronda L. Blayer, at BlayerR@Michigan.gov, or EGLE, MMD, Hazardous Waste Section, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Written comments concerning the draft License should include the name and address of the writer, a concise statement of the basis for the comments, and the supporting relevant facts upon which the comments are based. Written comments must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2021. Individuals needing language assistance or accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Ms. Blayer at 517-614-2630, at least one week prior to the hearing.

Before issuing a final decision, EGLE will evaluate all comments received. Information regarding the final decisions on the draft License will be communicated to all persons who submit timely written comments, or are on the facility mailing list. EGLE will respond to all significant comments on the draft License, and explain any changes made thereto.

EGLE does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, disability, political beliefs, height, weight, genetic information, or sexual orientation in the administration of any of its programs or activities, and prohibits intimidation and retaliation, as required by applicable laws and regulations.

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meeting, the board:

- Approved paying a total of \$188,819.88 for three-year district licenses for GoGuardian and PearDeck, as recommended by Sean Garland, district IT/Network administrator. Implementation, support and training for both products is included. The total includes a 10% discount on each when purchased as a bundle. Enhancement Millage funding will be used and payment will be spread out in three annual installments. Instructional coaches will be trained who will go to the buildings to train the teachers. GoGuardian Teacher can monitor what websites or apps students are using on their devices in the classroom and shut them off if not appropriate. GoGuardian Beacon identifies students who are at risk to harm themselves or others through threats, violence, and bullying. GoGuardian DNS and Admin has content filtering and monitoring of internet usage. PearDeck allows teachers to add interactive elements into lessons;

- Approved termination of the following teachers who have accepted jobs elsewhere: Tylor Carroll of Savage Elementary with zero years of service as of Aug. 1; Kelly Watson of Owen Intermediate, with zero years of service, as of Aug. 1; and Dion

Holmes of Belleville High School, with eight years of service;

- Accepted the retirement of Kathy Dwornik of Transportation as of July 31, after 33 years of service;

- Accepted hiring the following non-instructional employees for the 2021-22 school year: Janine Alexander and Nancy Merrihew as bus drivers; Jacqueline Steele, Brenda Clark, and Marcia Jones as bus aides; William McMichael as a SEL Interventionist at Rawsonville Elementary; and Audrey Rappe as a paraprofessional at McBride Middle School;

- Heard resident Reg Ion, who introduced himself as a retired, 24-year custodial employee in the district, say people are asking if the district will have open swim for the community like they used to have and the track also used to be open for public use. Kudlak said they did have a club that swam in the pool. Ion said he knows it can work because it did in the past. He said no one is going to vote for school district projects if they don't let the public use the facilities. Ion also said he asked for the flag pole at the vocational building that was being razed and was told the district might have a plan for it and it is still up. He said poles at Elwell, Rawsonville, and BHS were just plowed over and destroyed when those buildings were torn down. Kudlak said before he came they did have the track open for public use, but people partied out there and used a grill on the football field and damaged the turf, so track use was discontinued;

- Heard Director of Instruction Jeff Moore say this is a busy season for his department. An administrators' retreat is scheduled next week and the teachers' academy is Aug. 24. He said there are 25 new teachers this year and he has a couple more positions to fill;

- Heard Finance Director Sara Cortese report that the annual audit is coming in two weeks. She said parents need to apply for places on the bus route that they are finalizing or there won't be places for their children;

- Heard Director of Special Services Karen Johnston say they went to the Farmers' Market to seek out employees. They still are working to get the people they need for the school year, especially paraprofessionals; and

- Heard Kudlak report that they met with the architect at McBride Middle School where they are building a health clinic for all district employees and their families. It will be open 32 hours a week and since the district is self-insured, it will save the district 52% if employees use the free clinic rather than their own doctors. It will have a private entrance and prescriptions can be written and filled there. They are shooting for a Jan. 1 opening.

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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on August 27, 2021**, for **Reading Intervention**. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:
<https://www.vanburenschools.net/o/district/browse/102127>

Any questions, contact Jeff Moore at jmoore@vanburenschools.net or Sara Cortese at scortese@vanburenschools.net.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** This meeting will take place electronically due to health concerns associated with COVID-19. The BZA will consider the following variance request related to 13295 Ormond Drive (tax parcel ID 83-080-01-0068-301), a roughly 0.23 acre parcel zoned R-1B – Single Family Residential:

Case # 21-031- A request by applicant and owner Amy Wagner-Kotb to construct an 1,168 square foot addition to an existing nonconforming 1,186 square foot single family dwelling, requires a variance from the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Article 14. Nonconformities, Section 14.106. Enlarging a Nonconforming use, sub-section B,

Floor area expansion: 50.00 % of floor area (593 sq. ft) permitted
 98.48 % of floor area (1,168 sq. ft) proposed
 48.48 % of floor area (575 sq. ft) variance requested

Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – www.vanburen-mi.org beginning **September 10, 2021**. On this website, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting**, including a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel which can be reached from the live meeting link located on the Van Buren Township website home page (www.vanburen-mi.org). Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org. Members of the public may also contact dpower@vanburen-mi.org to be connected with members of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) prior to the meeting by e-mail.

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 251 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Aug. 1:

0024 – domestic, Van Buren St.
0106 – 911 welfare check, McKinley St.
0123 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0241 – traffic offense, WB I-94/Rawsonville Rd.
0256 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
0341 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.

0345 – assist citizen, Haggerty Rd./Van Born
0450 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor
0911 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0922 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1043 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
1138 – ordinance violation, Belleville/Quirk
1148 – parking complaint, E. Walden Dr.
1237 – domestic, N. Bellridge Dr.
1356 – domestic, W. Huron River Dr.
1400 – assist citizen, Belleville Lake/power lines
1508 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.

1609 – noise complaint, Savage Rd./Lenmoore
1704 – disorderly, Colony Ln.
1730 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1932 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
1949 – animal complaint, Laguna Dr.
2014 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2056 – mental subject, Michigan Ave.
2153 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
2208 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, Aug. 2:

0140 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sandlewood Dr. / Ashbury Dr.
0157 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
0501 – assist fire dept., Water’s Edge Ln.
0601 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
0654 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Venetian
0810 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
0838 – motorist assist, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
1049 – private property impound, Maurice Dr.
1106 – animal complaint, Hoeft Rd.
1255 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd.
1305 – assist other dept., Savage Rd.
1318 – animal complaint, Riggs Rd.
1417 – parking complaint, Charter Club Estates
1660 – personal injury accident, Parkwood Dr.
1740 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.
1740 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Capitol Dr.
1822 – suicidal person, Edwards Rd.
2121 – fight, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2213 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2241 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arborview Ln.
2327 – suspicious person/vehicle, Andover Dr.

Tuesday, Aug. 3:

0113 – assist other dept., Marlowe Ave.
0127 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0852 – fraud, S. Bellridge Dr.
0955 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1154 – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1252 – domestic, Martinsville Rd.
1302 – family trouble, Fay Dr.
1303 – road hazard, Belleville/I-94
1354 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1415 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
1423 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1605 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1620 – 911 welfare check, Briarwood Dr.
1651 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1728 – fraud, Union St.
1731 – family trouble, Oak Blvd.
1812 – neighbor trouble, N. Sadie Ln.
1934 – animal complaint, Robson Rd./Moms Dr.
2117 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 4:

0230 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0253 – overdose, Parkwood Dr.
0455 – disorderly, Westlake Cir.
1022 – animal complaint, Martz Rd.
1037 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1230 – ordinance violation, Alden Ave./Haggerty
1310 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alden Ave.
1317 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.
1407 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1426 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.

1503 – suicidal person, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1513 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1533 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arthur St.
1537 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1703 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1736 – fraud, Landmark
1853 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1916 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
2058 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
2142 – private property/property damage accident, Huron River Dr.
2305 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2339 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2357 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 5:

0000 – mental subject, E. Huron River Dr.
0146 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
0147 – traffic offense, N. I-94 Service/Belleville
0201 – suspicious person/vehicle, S I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
0310 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
0500 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
0911 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1152 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1331 – family trouble, Oak Ln.
1421 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.
1443 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1449 – disorderly, Harbour Club
1458 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
1618 – domestic, Martinsville Rd.
1706 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1716 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arthur St.
1739 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1750 – neighbor trouble, Union St.
1801 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Center
1949 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
2117 – traffic offense, Lohr Rd./Martz Rd.
2249 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belmont Dr.

Friday, Aug. 6:

0100 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0125 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0314 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd.
0351 – 911 welfare check, Clayton Rd.
0732 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd.
0738 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Edwards Rd.
1020 – trespassing, Beck Rd.
1117 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1124 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1205 – trespassing, Michigan Ave.
1315 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1436 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1442 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1458 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1518 – neighbor trouble, Ayres Ave.
1745 – disorderly, Robbe Rd.
1840 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1849 – juvenile complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1853 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
2127 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
2130 – suspicious person/vehicle, Solitude Ln.

Saturday, Aug. 7:

0229 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0305 – assist citizen, Tyler Rd.
0322 – assist other dept., S. I-275/Ecorse
0702 – larceny from auto, Stamford Rd.
0700 – domestic, Tyler Rd.
0724 – larceny from auto, Stamford Rd.
0941 – parking complaint, Tyler Rd./Andover
0957 – larceny from auto, S. Cumberland Dr.
1059 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1245 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1316 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1324 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1406 – ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd.
1418 – threat, Westlake Cir.
1443 – malicious destruction of property, Quirk
1538 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1543 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1736 – mental subject, Denton Rd.
1840 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2015 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2047 – traffic offense, Quirk Rd.
2101 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2108 – noise complaint, Van Buren St.
2220 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.

2229 – assist other dept., Woodbury Green
2248 – noise complaint, N. Adams
2338 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2354 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 28 traffic stops, seven of which were on I-94.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 1:

0833 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0948 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1017 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belle Villa Blvd.
1348 – parking complaint, Light Tower Dr./Bay Pointe Dr.
1548 – traffic offense, Water Works, Sumpter / Industrial Park
1554 – follow up by officer, Belle Villa Blvd.
1709 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
2049 – animal complaint, Santa Clara St.
2145 – welfare check, Robbe St.

Monday, Aug. 2:

0838 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1612 – assist citizen, Fifth St.
2055 – traffic stop, High St./Edison St.
2210 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2229 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
2302 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2305 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
2318 – found property/child, W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, Aug. 3:

0034 – traffic stop, Columbia Ave./High St.
0558 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St. / Belleville
0923 – follow up by officer, Menlo Park Dr.
1119 – animal complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1251 – lost property/child, Main St.
1732 – domestic, N. Liberty St.
2026 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
2107 – assist other dept., N. Liberty St.
2124 – family trouble, Carmell St.
2350 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.

Wednesday, Aug. 4:

0101 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0901 – follow up by officer, W. Columbia
0912 – follow up by officer, S. Industrial Park
1427 – civil matter, Main St.
1713 – traffic stop, High St.
1732 – traffic offense, Main St./High St.
1846 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Edgemont Ave./E. Huron River Dr.
2359 – suspicious person/vehicle, First/N. Liberty

Thursday, Aug. 5:

0129 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
0154 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.
1051 – traffic stop, Church St./Second St.
1104 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
1116 – suicidal person, Sumpter Rd.
1319 – misc. complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1345 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd.

Friday, Aug. 6:

0250 – domestic, Carmell St.
1421 – repossession, N. Liberty St.
1426 – harassment call, Carmell St.
1637 – fraud, N. Edgemont Ave.
1725 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St. / Belleville Rd.
2311 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
2351 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.

Saturday, Aug. 7:

0028 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
0129 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
0224 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
0921 – trespassing, N. Liberty St.
0939 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1401 – ordinance violation, E. Huron River Dr.
1409 – family trouble, Loza Ln.
1913 – traffic stop, Angola St./Roland St.
1934 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./S. Edgemont Ave.
2002 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
2018 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
2048 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
2139 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
2211 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2228 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2242 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

There were 25 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 1:

0026 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.
0336 – 911 hang up, Arkona Rd./Clark Rd.
0856 – operating while intoxicated, Judd Rd./Clark
0904 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1040 – prisoner transport, Judd Rd./Clark Rd.
1058 – suspicious circumstance, 42000 bl. Harris
1901 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1946 – follow-up investigation, Birch Ct.
2003 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2101 – ORV complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2258 – follow-up investigation, out of township

Monday, Aug. 2:

0143 – follow-up investigation, out of township
0807 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
0956 – warrant arrest, Willow Rd./Karr Rd.
1013 – follow-up investigation, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1243 – follow-up investigation, 10000 bl. Judd Rd.
1313 – follow-up investigation, Redwood St.
1322 – civil matter, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1601 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1905 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1916 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1921 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.
1936 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2017 – ORV complaint, Arkona Rd./Sherwood Rd.
2019 – fire dept. assist, Martinsville Rd./Wear Rd.
2020 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

Tuesday, Aug. 3:

0320 – fire dept. assist, Hawaii St.
0346 – death investigation, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
0801 – mental health call, Stonecrest Dr.
0943 – death investigation, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0943 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1050 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1339 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1639 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1713 – welfare check, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1825 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1947 – fire dept. assist, 8400 bl. Oakville Waltz

Wednesday, Aug. 4:

0552 – flee & elude police, Rawsonville/Willis
0742 – property damage accident, Willow/Elwell
0917 – animal complaint, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
0933 – fire dept. assist, Colorado St.
1118 – fire dept. assist, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz
1144 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sherwood/Arkona
1539 – alarm, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1745 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1838 – ORV complaint, Sumpter Rd./Willow Rd.
2101 – alarm, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
2106 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
2114 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2249 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 5:

0238 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0651 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1040 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1114 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1141 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1231 – mental health call, 20000 bl. Martinsville
1800 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Victoria
1922 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1957 – flee & elude police, Rawsonville/Willis
2044 – ORV complaint, Elwell Rd./Bemis Rd.
2254 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.

Friday, Aug. 6:

0711 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0752 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0858 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
0931 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1006 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1019 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1036 – noise complaint, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1214 – larceny, Alaska St.
1558 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1755 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2244 – animal complaint, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2257 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2308 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter Rd./Judd
Saturday, Aug. 7:
0214 – harassment complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
0830 – family trouble, Edgewood Rd.
0856 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Elwell
1822 – ORV complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.

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1839 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Grove
1928 – property damage accident, Wayside Dr. / Rustic Ln.
2116 – ORV complaint, Arkona Rd./Sherwood Rd.
2117 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2134 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.
Also on this week's log are 56 patrol checks, 33 traffic stops, and 12 misc. details.

Belleville DDA

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Kelly Bates to go on the walkaround. DDA member Jennifer Winter also volunteered;

• Was introduced to new Belleville Deputy Administrator Tim McLean. The DDA is considering using him to administer the DDA and wants to figure out the payment for his services. McLean said he has 11 years of experience in municipal government and has served as staff liaison

to the DDA, DDA director, and knows the daily operation of the DDA in community and economic development. Mayor Conley said McLean has a nice, well-rounded background. McGovern said this item will be kept on the agenda until they can see what the former coordinator made and see how to move the money from the DDA to the city to pay for his services. Treasurer Richardson-Williams said she read in the *Independent* that McLean had experience with golf carts in Gibraltar and she was interested in having golf carts here. He said there is less traffic in Gibraltar than here and people were driving after dark with no lights. "I had mixed feelings about the golf carts," he said. Chief Robinson said a couple of city council meetings back a resident presented a very-detailed proposal on the use of golf carts in the city and the city attorney is looking at the liability. After the attorney is done, Chief Robinson said he would finish his safety review and make a recommendation to the council;

• Voted unanimously to move forward to schedule Finders Keepers for an event on Main Street for 2022, possibly during Harvest Fest. McGovern said the organization sets up the event without cost to the city and invites vendors with vintage items. She said they have a great following and would bring a lot of people to the city. Mayor Conley said Finders Keepers has two events at the Wayne County Fairgrounds this year, on Aug. 22 and Oct. 17, and it is very well run and has a great following. DDA members indicated they would check it out;

• Was alerted to the annual conference of the Michigan Downtown Association on Nov. 4 and 5 in Detroit. Since the DDA is a member, McGovern suggested several of the DDA members attend together;

• Discussed electric service for the Fourth Street Square and Fourth Street, with McGovern saying she talked to Bill Osier. She asked if she should just have him look at it or should she go out for three quotes. Mayor Conley said she had to go out for bids. Conley said if Osier did the

new electric service in Horizon Park, she is not happy with that and wouldn't like him to do the work. "We were told it would come off the pole and it didn't," she said. McGovern didn't know whether Osier did that work, but she would take the project on and get the bids and walk the site with the bidders. She said she also would talk to Van Buren Township about a possible meter for electricity from the museum, since there is to be some construction there soon. She also volunteered to contact DTE on the situation;

• Heard Winter say she thought they voted to meet in person in July, yet here they are at a zoom meeting. McGovern said the city voted not to meet in person yet so they are going along with the city. Winter volunteered the patio at Egan's Pub for a meeting place. McGovern said she would reach out to the library for a roomier meeting place for the DDA and Robinson said he already planned to contact the library to see if future city council meetings could be held there. He said he would be glad to ask about the DDA, too, while he is there. He said meetings there would be another reason to visit the beautiful building. "The library people are wonderful," he said; and

• Heard John Winter comment that the lines on Main Street need to be remarked. He also said the flashing light for the pedestrian walkway at Fourth Street is not right. First, the flashing should be on both sides of the street and the controls should be facing toward the crosswalk and it's 180 degrees away. "The little sign in the middle doesn't do a whole lot, but at least it hasn't been dragged down to the bridge yet," he said, referring to what happened in previous years.

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